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Appln. No.: 10/680,205

Filed: October 8, 2003

For: IMAGE ENCODING METHOD, IMAGE DECODING METHOD, IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS, IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE ENCODING PROGRAM, AND IMAGE DECODING PROGRAM

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